

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (canceled).

11 (previously presented). The cable clamp of claim 25 wherein the third protrusion has longitudinally opposite, concavely curved surface portions and a planar crest surface intersecting the third protrusion concavely curved surface portion.

12 (original). The cable clamp of claim 11 wherein the amplitude of each of the crests is substantially the same, each of the recesses has a trough that is substantially the same depth as the other recesses and the maximum longitudinal dimension of each of the protrusions is substantially the same.

13 (previously presented). The cable clamp of claim 25 wherein the flange longitudinal portions have longitudinally opposite ends and the flanges have transverse inturned portions joined to the end portions of flange longitudinal portions, the flange inturned portions having transversely adjacent ends joined to one another and having downwardly opening slots with top transverse edges at about the elevation as the adjacent ridge end portion.

14-23 (canceled).

24 (previously presented). A cable clamp in a generally horizontal condition and mountable to a supporting structure for clampingly engaging a cable or rope that supports a load, a base that includes a block of a longitudinal length greater than its transverse width, the block having an upwardly open channel extending the longitudinal length thereof for having the cable or rope extended therein the length of the block, the channel having a web surface and transversely spaced side

walls, longitudinally spaced recesses opening upwardly through the web surface and transversely spaced lands that at least in part define the channel side walls, a longitudinally elongated cover having a top wall with perimetric edge portions, flanges dependingly joined to the top wall edge portions and having transversely opposite longitudinally elongated portions, a longitudinally elongated ridge dependingly joined to the top wall in transversely spaced, transversely centered relationship to the flange longitudinal portions, the maximum distance that the ridge depends from the cover top wall being less than the maximum distance the flanges depend from the top wall, the cover ridge being extendable into the base channel and having protrusions in about the same longitudinal spaced relationship as the recesses, the ridge, flanges and top wall defining a cavity on each transverse side of the ridge of a size and shape to have the base lands extendable therein to abut against the top wall, the base and cover having vertically aligned mounting screw apertures, and fasteners for securing the cover to the base for clamping the cable between the ridge and the base recesses.

25 (previously presented). A cable clamp in a generally horizontal condition and mountable to a supporting structure for clampingly engaging a cable or rope that supports a load, a base that includes a block of a longitudinal length greater than its transverse width, the block having an upwardly open channel extending the longitudinal length thereof for having the cable or rope extended therein the length of the block, the channel having a web surface and transversely spaced side walls, longitudinally spaced recesses opening upwardly through the web surface, each of the base recesses being of about the same depth and concavely curved to open in an upward direction, and transversely spaced lands that at least in part define the channel side walls, a longitudinally elongated cover having a top wall with perimetric edge portions, flanges dependingly joined to the top wall edge portions and having transversely opposite longitudinally elongated portions, a

longitudinally elongated ridge dependently joined to the top wall in transversely spaced, transversely centered relationship to the flange longitudinal portions, the cover ridge being extendable into the base channel and having protrusions in about the same longitudinal spaced relationship as the recesses the protrusions including longitudinally remote first and second protrusions and a longitudinally intermediate third protrusion, the first and second protrusions being convexly curved to extend in a downward direction and have a crest, and fasteners for securing the cover to the base for clamping the cable between the ridge and the base recesses.

26 (previously presented). A cable clamp in a generally horizontal condition and mountable to a supporting structure for clampingly engaging a cable or rope that supports a load, comprising a longitudinally elongated base having an upwardly opening channel, the channel having a web surface, longitudinally spaced, upwardly opening, concavely curved first, second and third recesses opening to the web surface with the second recess being longitudinally intermediate the first and third recesses, a longitudinally elongated cover having a top wall and a longitudinally elongated ridge having first, second and third protrusions at least partially extendable into the first, second and third recesses respectively, the cover and base having vertically aligned clamp screw apertures with at least one of the cover apertures and the base apertures being threaded, and clamp screws extendable into the mounting screw apertures and threaded in the threaded apertures to removably secure the cover and base in a clamping relationship, the first and third protrusions being convexly curved and having crests and the second protrusion having a crest that is generally planar to provide transversely extending edges, the amplitude of the crests being substantially equal and the second recess having a concavely curved surface that is abutable against the second protrusion edges in

longitudinal spaced relationship with the second crest intermediate its transverse edges being spaced from the second recess surface.